

REMARKS

The foregoing Preliminary Amendment is requested in order to place the claims in conformity with United States patent practice.

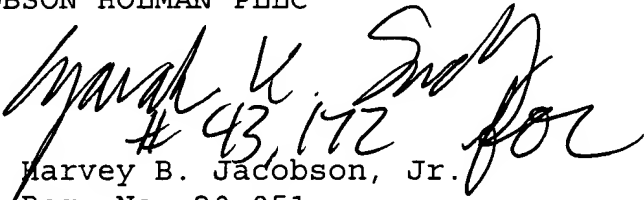
Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE".

Early action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

1. (Amended) A cosmetic [Cosmetic] composition [containing] comprising at least one prostaglandin EP-3 receptor antagonist in a cosmetically acceptable medium.

2. (Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the [said cosmetic] composition [contains] comprises from 0.001% to 10% [and preferably from 0.1% to 5%] of [antagonists] the antagonist by weight relative to the weight of the composition.

3. (Twice Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that the said cosmetic composition contains] and further comprising from 0.001% to 10% [and preferably from 0.1% to 5%] of a prostaglandin EP-2 receptor agonist, a prostaglandin [and/or] EP-4 receptor [agonists] agonist, or a combination thereof by weight relative to the weight of the composition.

4. (Twice Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that the composition also contains] and further comprising a cosmetically acceptable medium [consisting of] including water or [of] water and at least one organic solvent [chosen] selected from the group consisting of hydrophilic organic solvents, lipophilic organic solvents, [and] amphiphilic organic solvents, [or] and mixtures thereof.

5. (Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 4, [characterized in that] wherein the organic [solvents are chosen] solvent is selected from the group consisting of monofunctional or polyfunctional alcohols, [optionally] oxyethylenated polyethylene glycols, polypropylene glycol esters, sorbitol and [its] derivatives thereof, dialkyl isosorbides, glycol ethers, [and] polypropylene glycol ethers, and fatty esters.

6. (Twice Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 4, [characterized in that] wherein the organic [solvent(s) represent(s)] solvent is present in an amount of [from] 5% to 98% of the total weight of the composition.

7. (Twice Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that the composition also comprises] and further comprising at least one fatty phase.

8. (Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 7, [characterized in that] wherein the fatty phase [represents from] is present in an amount of [0% to] 50% or less of the total weight of the composition.

9. (Twice Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that it contains] and further comprising at least one additive [chosen] selected from the group consisting of: conventional hydrophilic or lipophilic gelling agents; conventional hydrophilic or lipophilic [and/or] thickeners; hydrophilic or lipophilic active agents; preserving agents;

antioxidants; fragrances; emulsifiers; moisturizers; pigmenting agents; depigmenting agents; keratolytic agents; vitamins; emollients; sequestering agents; surfactants; polymers; acidifying or basifying agents; fillers; free-radical scavengers; ceramides; sunscreens; insect repellents; slimming agents; dyestuffs; bactericides; and antidandruff agents.

10. (Twice Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the composition is [in the form of] an aqueous solution, an aqueous-alcoholic solution, an [or] oily solution, an oil-in-water emulsion, a [or] water-in-oil emulsion, a [or] multiple emulsion, [and] an aqueous gel, an [or] oily gel, a liquid anhydrous product, a pasty anhydrous product, a [or] solid anhydrous product, or a dispersion of oil in an aqueous phase using spherules.

11. (Twice Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the composition has [the] an appearance of a white cream, a colored [or coloured] cream, an ointment, a milk, a lotion, a serum, a paste, a mousse, or a solid.

12. (Twice Amended) The composition [Composition] according to Claim 1, [characterized in that] wherein the composition has a pH of between 3 and 8.

13. (Amended) A method for attenuating, reducing or stopping the loss of keratin materials which comprises using a [Use of]

prostaglandin EP-3 receptor antagonist [antagonists, as cosmetic agents for attenuating, reducing or stopping the loss of keratin materials and other hairs].

14. (Twice Amended) A method for attenuating, reducing or stopping the loss of hair which comprises using the [Use of a] composition [described in] of Claim 1 [for attenuating, reducing or stopping the loss of head hair and other hairs].

15. (Amended) A cosmetic [Cosmetic] treatment process for attenuating, reducing or stopping the loss of [head] hair [and other hairs, characterized in that] which comprises [it consists in] applying to [head] the hair [and other hairs] a cosmetically effective amount of a prostaglandin EP-3 receptor [antagonists] antagonist.

16. (Twice Amended) A cosmetic [Cosmetic] treatment process for attenuating, reducing or stopping the loss of [head] hair [and other hairs, characterized in that it consists in] which comprises applying to the [head] hair [or other hairs a] the cosmetic composition [as defined in] of Claim 1.